

WARREN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY MARCH 18, 2019

The Warren County Commissioners met for their fourth meeting during the month of March 2019. Present for the meeting were Adam Hanthorne, Brian Jordan and Jud Barce, County Attorney. Also, in attendance were Jenny Hobaugh, Matt Herndon, Leo Rumschlag, Perry Conrad, Jenny Eads, Lyn Martin, Cheryl Clark, Clay Andrews, John Comer, Walt Wilson, Shire Reef, John Kuiper, Danny Little, Lori Austin, Neal Austin, Carolyn Orr.

1. The meeting was called to order by Brian Jordan, President of the Commissioners.
2. Brian Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Meeting Agenda – Brian Jordan requested to remove the Smith Scholarship from the agenda. Robin Weston-Hubner presented the agenda for review. Robin Weston-Hubner requested to add minutes for approval from February 26, March 4 and March 6 meetings. Brian Jordan made a motion to amend and approve the agenda with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - b. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the February 26, 2019 Executive Session, March 4, 2019 Executive Session, March 6, 2019 Special Session and March 6, 2019 Commissioner Meeting minutes, seconded by Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor and the minutes were signed.
 - c. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the March 4, 2019 through March 18, 2019 Accounts Payable Claim Dockets with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor and the claim dockets were signed.
 - d. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to approve the March 16, 2019 payroll dockets with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor and the payroll dockets were signed.
 - e. Highway Department – Matt Herndon, Highway Department Superintendent, explained that the work on the 100 N bridge has begun as well as normal road work continues. Brian Jordan inquired about the delivery of the new trucks. Herndon stated that the build date is July with possibility of delivery in October or November and LeBeau is preparing a trade-in value on the trucks being replaced. Herndon will present the quote at the next meeting. Herndon inquired about the used ambulance that has been stored at the highway department. Jordan will look into what the options are for selling the ambulance. Jenny Hobaugh, Highway Department Office Manager, presented her SBOA annual operation report, State Form 54400, for approval. Jordan and Hanthorne signed the report. Jordan inquired about how the blacktops are holding up. Herndon stated that they are working on them, but the gravel has been main work presently. Hobaugh stated that all 4 contracts for Community Crossings Grant have been received and are set to begin. Herndon stated that Bridge #36 bids are in and will be presented at a later meeting. Jordan explained that there is an Executive Session following the Commissioner Meeting with the Jordan Creek Windfarm to discuss the process.
 - f. Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor, presented a quote for a laptop computer and printer for Bryan Lanham, Coroner. Total is \$1,494.85 from Axxess PC, IT Company. Brian Jordan made a motion to approve the bid with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - g. District 4 Planning Committee appointment was presented from Homeland Security. This is for the replacement of Becky Jones. Brian Jordan made a motion to appoint Bryan Lanham to the Committee with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.
 - h. Brian Jordan presented quotes for outdoor lighting at the Extension Office. The overnight light and lights by entry door need replaced. There are 3 quotes - Smith Electric \$550, Pioneer Electric \$510, Hall Electric \$1,083.75. Adam Hanthorne made a motion for Pioneer Electric in the amount of \$510 with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - i. Brian Jordan presented quotes for a renovation of the jury room woman's bathroom. The bathroom has never had hot water. The quotes are from Edwards to install and plumb the water heater for \$749.00 and Hall Electric to install the circuit for \$1,833.90, total of \$2,582.90. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to move forward with the renovation with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
 - j. KIRPC Board Replacement and Appointment. John Kuiper is being replaced by Paula Max to the KIRPC Board. Adam Hanthorne made a motion to appoint Paula Max with a second from Brian Jordan, all voted in favor.
4. Elected Official/Department Head comments:
 - a. Rusty Hart, Sheriff, presented information concerning a resolution that will be presented to the Council for the Sheriff's Commissary Fund Expenditures. Hart explained the statute concerning the commissary fund has been changed in the past year. Hart created this resolution to clarify items that can be expended rather than leaving it open for interpretation. Hart explained that the cell phones for Deputies are paid for from the commissary fund and the monies from inmate collect calls are deposited into this fund. The state has changed the commissary report form and this resolution will give more guidelines to the expenditures. Hart is presenting this to keep the Commissioners in the know. Hart stated he was approached by the representative for Nancy Litzenberger and was told that Litzenberger would like to donate her law office building to the Sheriff Department. This structure would be wonderful for storage, as the jail has limited storage. Hart stated that he did walk around in the building and it is a sound structure, but will need some work done. Litzenberger had a lot of storage cabinets as well, that could be used. This is something that could be used for an interview room for the sheriff as this would allow a more relaxed setting for interviews. The storage could be wonderful, as well, for other County offices. The storage being close would be great. Jud Barce stated that a resolution to accept and a deed will need to be created. Jordan and Hanthorne stated that this is a nice gesture from Nancy Litzenberger. Barce will draw up a resolution and discuss with John Rader. Hart questioned the ordinance concerning security in the courthouse. Barce will present at a later meeting. Hart asked about the landscaping in front of the Jail. Jordan will stop by and look at it later today with Hart. Hart stated that he would like a memorial for the Warren County Sheriff that was murdered several years ago. Hanthorne inquired about the courthouse cameras not working. Jordan will discuss this with Judge Reece.
 - b. Weston-Hubner informed the Commissioners that the tax statements are being printed by the Treasurer at this time.

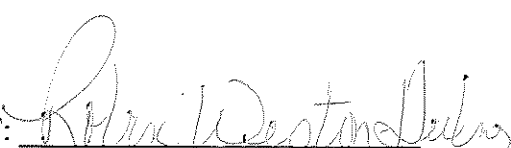
5. Old Business:

6. Public Comment:

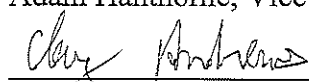
- a. Leo Rumschlag, VS Engineering, presented the bridge inspections final report. There are a few bridges that will need repaired. Rumschlag stated that he does look hard to save funds by repairing rather than replacing. Rumschlag will present the report electronically to the Commissioners.
- b. Danny Little, Tab resident, stated that the recycling has been great and he is requesting more in Tab. He is requesting having the recycling cart in town at least one more day. Additionally, Little is requesting speed limit signs on the corner of 650N and 850W as well as the railroad crossing from the western side of the county for safety purposes. Little presented an issue with a Board of Zoning meeting that he feels was not recorded properly. The Senesac Hog Farms was approved and as a concession, trees on north and east side were to be planted. Little is requesting the transcripts from the Court to confirm the 5-6 feet trees that were supposed to be planted. Senesac has put in seedlings and not all have survived the winter. John Kuiper, Zoning, stated that a 3-row shelter belt was in the findings & facts report and there was discussion for 5-6 feet trees in the meeting. Little is requesting this to be looked into. Additionally, Little inquired about requiring larger shelter belts for future hog farms. Little stated that Purdue Surplus and Salvage will be having a sale soon for office supplies if the county needs supplies. Little offered to deliver as well. Barce will look into the minutes and zoning transcripts with John Larson and Kuiper will pull the minutes.
- c. Carolyn Straw, county resident, presented information concerning a road closure petition that she had previously discussed with the Commissioners. There are petitions on websites that Straw is requesting to use for road closure presentation to the planning and commission boards. The Steuben township advisory board has looked at purchasing a 3D printer for the West Lebanon Library. A county broad band survey was discussed. Straw informed the Commissioners that there are 2 nesting bald eagles on State Road 28 and is questioning the 2000 feet windmill setback from the nests. Straw is concerned with the nests being too close to the windmills and is asking the Commissioners to work with the Windfarm to protect them.
- d. Perry Conrad, county resident, stated that during the February 5, 2019 Commissioner Meeting there was a discussion concerning the upcoming Area Plan Commission Meeting and the meeting has not been advertised. Barce explained that the meeting will be in April. The meeting will be advertised 2 weeks prior and a date has not yet been set.
- e. Danny Little stated that the construction for the hog operation was supposed to use 900W and 800W, but are using 700W. The road has been widened at the intersection of 850N and 700W, but 700W was not supposed to be used.
- f. Lyn Martin, county resident, inquired about the Executive Meeting following the Commissioner Meeting. Jordan explained that this is an informational meeting with the Windfarm to address the construction process.

Next Commissioner will be held April 1, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

There being no further business Brian Jordan made a motion to adjourn with a second from Adam Hanthorne, all voted in favor.

ATTEST: 
Robin Weston-Hubner, Auditor


W. Brian Jordan, President

Adam Hanthorne, Vice President

Clay Andrews